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SUBJ: KUWAIT AIRPORT STUDY AND FOLLOW-ON WORK

REF: A) KUWAIT 0113 B) BEIRUT 103

1. SEVERAL MONTHS AGO THREE US CONSULTING FIRMS, AIRWAYS ENGINEERING, GREINER, AND SPEAS-HARRIS RECEIVED INVITATIONS FROM THE KUWAIT PLANNING BOARD CONSULTANT SELECTION COMMITTEE TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR EXECUTING MASTER PLAN FOR THE KUWAIT AIRPORT. THE MAIN SITUATION WHICH PROMPED THE REQUEST WAS THE NEED TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE "TEMPORARY" ASPHALT RUNWAY WHICH HAS BEEN IN USE FOR 15 YEARS NEEDED TO BE REPAIRED, RE-CONSTRUCTED, OR REPLEACED (RELOCATED).

2. ALL 8 INVITED CONSULTANTS INCLUDING SEVERAL CANADIAN, FRENCH, BRITISH FIRMS WE UNDERSTAND HAVE SUBMITTED PROPOSALS AND THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION WILL SHORTLY BE ASKED TO EVALUATE THESE PROPOSALS AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE PLANNING BOARD. A SOURCE AT DGCA TOLD EMBOFF COMPANY WITH LOWEST FEES WILL PROBABLY WIN CONTRACT GIVEN PROPENSITY OF SELECTION COMMITTEE TO GIVE THIS FACTOR UNDUE WEIGHT.

3. SAME SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF THAT IF IT DECIDED TO REPLACE RUNWAY, COST OF CONSTRUCTION, NEW LIGHTING, ETC. WOULD RUN FROM 7-9 UNCLASSIFIED

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RUNWAY WOULD BE APPROX. 3500 METERS LONG AND 45-60 METERS WIDE.

4. ACTION AND COMMENT: REQUEST COMMERCE PASS THIS INFORMATION TO CONSTRUCTION FIRMS EXPERIENCED IN RUNWAY CONSTRUCTION. EMBASSY WILL NOTIFY COMMERCE OF CONSULTANT SELECTED WHEN AVAILABLE. WOULD ONLY NOTE THAT KUWAIT IN PROGRESS BUILDING NEW PASSENGER AND CARGO TERMINALS AND CONTRACTOR WHO WON THAT JOB IS LIKELY TO BE GIVEN ADDITIONAL WORK BUILDING PARKING GARAGE AND OTHER FACILITIES AT NEW AIRPORT. THIS STUDY MAY ALSO LEAD TO SCOPE OF WORK LARGER THAN ORIGINALLY ANTICIPATED.
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